(c) Approval of financial assistance is given on the basis of technical and financial viability of the proposals received in a financial year and the amount is released as per availability of funds. As already stated, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up units on its own. As such the details of proposed processing units to be set up cannot be indicated.

Changes in IIT curriculum

390. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the kind of changes IIT Delhi propose to bring about in their curriculum to help students to reduce their work load and stress, as reported in the Times of India' of 16th August, 2002;

(b) the proposals for fresh areas of exposure; and

(c) whether the changes carry the overall approval of students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi proposes to bring about changes in its curriculum to help students to reduce their workload and stress by providing flexibility, reduced workload, design and project work, inter-disciplinary training, team work and managerial training, behavioral and ethical issue etc. in B. Tech., and Dual Degree (B. Tech. + M. Tech.) programmes as well as for various Post Graduate Programmes.

Work load of university teachers

391. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.G.C. has recently called upon the university teachers to increase their teaching workload;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Delhi University has implemented the U.G.C. formula in this regard?